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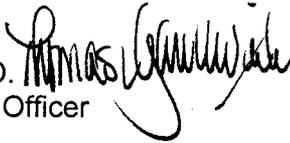
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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **AMENDING AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS TO ADDRESS BOARD PASS RATES**

This is in response to Supervisor Antonovich's motion on June 7, 2005 directing the Department of Health Services to amend the Affiliation Agreements to ensure the collection of categorical information on the number of residents who pass or fail their board certification exams on the first try and to clarify access to other performance evaluation reports requested by your Board.

The Department is currently in negotiations with both USC and UCLA to update all facets of the Affiliation Agreements. The goals of these negotiations are to 1) bring the boilerplate language up to date with respect to current County-codes; 2) to enhance accountability and oversight of purchased services; and 3) to develop a comprehensive reporting framework that will be common to all the Affiliation Agreements. As part of these negotiations, the Department will work with the Universities to specifically address your Board's concerns and to develop a comprehensive quarterly reporting framework to the Department and your Board. The Department is continuing its development of an objective facility-independent tool that will provide annual Board Certification Rates by program as this is the strongest and most comprehensive measure of Board performance. This independent tool will be fully developed and part of the regular monitoring, oversight, and reporting activities of the Office of Clinical Affairs and Affiliations by the end of the third quarter this year.

The Drew University agreement is set to expire June 30, 2006. If your Board chooses to renew this agreement, negotiations will need to commence this fall. If these negotiations are pursued, the Department will bring this Affiliation Agreement in line with the structure and reporting requirements defined in the UCLA and USC agreements.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
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